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SUBJECT: SECOND HIJACKING ATTEMPT ON JAPANESE AIRLINER

REF: A. TOKYO 3742

1. WITHIN HOURS OF ABORTIVE HIJACK ATTEMPT ON ALL
NIPPON AIRWAYS (ANA) PLANE OUT OF HOKKAIDO, (REF A),
PASSENGER ATTEMPTED TO SEIZE ANOTHER ANA PLANE
ERNOUTE TO SENDAI FROM TOKYO. TWO MINUTES AFTER TAKEOFF EARLY
EVENING OF MARCH 17 PASSENGER MASAO OKANO BRANDSISHED REMODELLED
TOY GUN AND ANNOUNCED PLANE HAD BEEN HIJACKED. PILOT,
HOWEVER, RETURNED TO TOKYO AIRPORT. ON LANDING, HIJACKER
COMMITTED SUCIDE BY POISON. ACCORDING TO
JAPANESE POLICE, OKANO HAD LONG ARREST RECORD FOR
THEFT, EXTORTATION AND ASSAULT. THUS FAR, NO CONNECTION
BETWEEN TWO HIJACKING ATTEMPTS HAS EMERGED.

2. JAPANESE PRESS NOTED THAT HIJACKING ATTEMPTS HAD
REVEALED "BLIND SPOTS" IN JAPANESE HIJACKING PREVENTION
PROCEDURES. AIRPORT METAL DETECTORS HAD NOT DETECTED
KNIFE CONCEALED IN SHOE OF HIJACKER TANAKA IN FIRST
ATTEMPT NOR REMODELED TOY GUN CARRIED ABOUT BY OKANO
IN SECOND ATTEMPTED HIJACKING. PRESS ALSO NOTED THAT PRESENT
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PRACTICE OF KEEPING DOOR TO PILOT'S CABIN OPEN DURING
LANDING AND TAKE-OFF ENABLES POTENTIAL HIJACKERS TO
RUSH PILOT'S CABIN. MARCH 18 ASAHI REPORTED THAT AS
RESULT OF MARCH 17 INCIDENTS, TRANSPORT MINISTRY AND
NATIONAL POLICY AGENCY HAVE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS FOR
CLOSER INSPECTIONS OF PASSENGERS AT AIRPORTS.
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